



GREAT HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2024
IN GREAT HORKESLEY NEW VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Those present:

Cllr Burns-Langton (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Baker
Cllr Banks	Cllr Jarvis
Cllr Mead	Cllr Tempest
+ 1 member of the public in attendance	

24/034 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Burns-Langton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/035 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Arnold and Cllr Sudbery.

24/036 Declaration of Interests

No member declared an interest with respect to any item on the agenda.

24/037 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2024 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

24/038 Have Your Say – Public Open Forum

One member of the public expressed concern that they are aware of several complaints that have been made against them to Colchester City Council regarding the development of their property, as they believe the complaints are unjustified and they have been working within the conditions granted on their planning application.

The member of the public left the meeting.

24/039 Reports from Members and Officers of Other Authorities

Cllr Mead reported the Village News is in the process of being handed over to a new editor.

Cllr Mead reported that he is unable to attend the Transport meeting on 18th July. The Clerk will forward details of the meeting to all members in case anyone else is able to attend.

24/040 Finance

- (a) The Statement of Accounts as at 30th June 2024 was noted, and Cllr Banks checked and signed to say that the balances reconciled with those on the June bank statements.
- (b) The June payments list was approved in accordance with the 2024/25 Budget.
- (c) The draft minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held 9th July 2024, including that the First Quarter accounts for the 2024/25 financial year were reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee, were noted. Cllr Baker asked bank signatories to check that refunds for Village Hall deposits were being paid to the same person or organisation that made the original payment, before authorising them.

24/041 Planning & Highways

- (a) This item was deferred.
- (b) The Clerk updated members on the meeting with Colchester City Council planning policy officers held 25th June 2024, where Cllr Arnold advised the planning officers of the comments agreed by members at the last council meeting.
- (c) This item was deferred.

24/042 Public Spaces

- (a) **It was unanimously agreed** (proposed Cllr Burns-Langton and seconded Cllr Jarvis) to purchase and install a memorial bench with plaque dedicated to the former Parish Clerk, Sean Groom.
It was further agreed (proposed Cllr Baker and seconded Cllr Jarvis) that a maximum of £1,000 be spent on the bench, plaque and installation, with the expenditure being taken from general reserves.
The Clerk advised that Colchester City Council stated that if the bench is to be cemented into the ground on land that is not owned by the Parish Council, then a planning application will need to be submitted.
- (b) Cllr Burns-Langton will look at options and obtain quotes for a Christmas tree to go on the Jubilee Green in December and bring these to the next council meeting.

24/043 Lithium Batteries

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Burns-Langton) to support a campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters) and their disposal.

24/044 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report to date, including a list of resolutions agreed at earlier Parish Council meetings and any progress, was noted.
Cllr Tempest said that the fence along the Jubilee Green had now been fixed.

24/045 Village Warden

The Village Warden's report to date was noted.

24/046 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Great Horkesley New Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed
(Chairman)

Date